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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF U.S.-AUSTRALIA SCIENTIFIC AND  
TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

REF: 1. STATE 140816

2. CANBERRA 4022

1. TEXT OF PROPOSED AUSTRALIAN NOTE WHICH FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
CABLED AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON READS AS FOLLOWS:

" I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN RELATING TO  
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION SIGNED AT CANBERRA  
ON 16 OCTOBER 1968.

MY GOVERNMENT WISHES TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT  
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 11 FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS  
FROM THE DATE OF EXPIRATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

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IN RELATION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PARTICULAR SCIENTIFIC OR TECHNICAL PROJECTS COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMATION THAT THE CO-ORDINATING AGENCIES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION: ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE

IMPLEMENTATION BY THE CO-ORDINATING AGENCIES OF PROJECTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE TERMS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF 9 JUNE 1971 UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THAT DOCUMENT IS REVISED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE EMBASSY HAS THE HONOUR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE TOGETHER WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S CONFIRMATORY REPLY SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY."

2. DEPARTMENT DISCUSSED QUESTION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY AND INFORMED THEM THAT WE PREFER DELETE THIRD PARAGRAPH BEGINNING: "IN RELATION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PARTICULAR SCIENTIFIC OR TECHNICAL PROJECTS", SINCE IT IS UNNECESSARY AND ELEVATES TERMS OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT LEVEL WHICH MEANS ANY FURTHER MODIFICATION WOULD REQUIRE GOVERNMENTAL ACTION. DESIRED CONFIRMATION OF DESIGNATION OF COORDINATING AGENCIES CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED EQUALLY WELL THROUGH EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN AGENCIES CONCERNED. HOWEVER, WHILE WE PREFER DELETION THAT PARAGRAPH FOR FOREGOING REASONS, IF AUSTRALIANS INSIST ON ITS RETENTION, WE COULD ACCEPT ITS INCLUSION IN THE NOTE.

3. EMBASSY EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR LANGUAGE OF FIRST PARAGRAPH OF OUR INITIATING NOTE (REFTEL 1) AND WILL SO INFORM CANBERRA.

4. IF PARAGRAPH REGARDING CONFIRMATION OF COORDINATING AGENCIES IS RETAINED, IT SEEMS CLEAR AUSTRALIA SHOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INITIATE THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES. IF DELETED, IT COULD BE INITIATED BY EITHER SIDE.

5. REMAINDER OF AUSTRALIAN DRAFT NOTE ACCEPTABLE. RUSH

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